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Stephen M. O'Berry Sentenced for Receipt and Possession of Child Pornography

BISMARCK - United States Attorney Drew H. Wrigley announced that on May 9, 2006, **Stephen M. O'Berry** formerly of New Town, North Dakota, now residing in Dickinson, North Dakota, was sentenced before United States District Court Chief Judge Daniel L. Hovland on one count of receipt of material involving the sexual exploitation of minors and one count of possession of material involving the sexual exploitation of minors.

Judge Hovland sentenced **O'Berry** to serve five years and three months in Federal prison, to be followed by three years of supervised release. Upon his release, **O'Berry** must register as a sex offender. **O'Berry** was ordered to pay \$200 in special assessments to the Crime Victim's Fund.

O'Berry, 35, was found guilty by a federal jury on December 15, 2005. Between May 2003 and July 2004 **O'Berry** downloaded from the Internet and saved digital and computer images which depicted minors engaging in sexually explicit conduct.

A co-defendant, **Dusty J. O'Berry**, 34, pleaded guilty on September 13, 2005, to downloading pirated games, music, movies, and other software works without the authorization of the copyright holder between May 2003 and July 2004.

Judge Hovland sentenced **Dusty J. O'Berry** on December 19, 2005, to three years of Federal probation and ordered **O'Berry** to pay a \$100 special assessment to the Crime Victim's Fund.

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The case was investigated by the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement, North Dakota Bureau of Criminal Investigation, and Mountrail County Sheriff's Department, with the assistance of the Mountrail County State's Attorney's Office.

Assistant United States Attorney Clare Hochhalter prosecuted the case.

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